GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION
LOK SABHA

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WASTEFUL EXPENDITURE BY CPWD
RAGHUNATH JHA

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the CAG in its Report No.2 of 2002 (Civil) inparagraph 18.3 on pages 183-84 have brought out the fact of wasteful expenditure by the CPWD`s failure to fix alignment of India- Bangladesh Border road in Murshidabad district of West Bengal;

(b) if so, whether the matter has been enquired into and the action taken against the people found responsible for causing loss to the State including recovery of money from them; and

(c) the steps taken to check the wasteful expenditure by CPWD in its activities in the country?

Answer

MINISTEROF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRSND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY C URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The matter has been enquired into and it has been found that there has been no loss to the State. The section of the road in question was vulnerable to floods but at the same time BSF`s requirement was also there for operational reasons of national security. Based on information received from the site during the course of the work, it became necessary to carry out changes in the alignment owing to close proximity of road to the river as it would have required extensive flood protection works and high recurring maintenance costs. The change in alignment has actually resulted in saving of more than Rs.128 lakhs. The constructed portion of the original alignment is also being regularly used and maintained and is serving the requisite purpose for the BSF. In view of this, no action is warranted against any person.

(c): The works are being taken up by CPWD after proper planning, technical scrutiny and analysis.